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## **CITATION AND NOTIFICATION OF PENALTY**

We believe that you violated the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA), as described below.

## Date of Violation: May 19, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 2.33(b) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care.

- (b) Each research facility shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:
- (2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care;
- (3) Daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being; Provided, however, That daily observation of animals may be accomplished by someone other than the attending veterinarian; and Provided, further, That a mechanism of direct and frequent communication is required so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian;

You failed to communicate with the attending veterinarian in a timely manner regarding the discovery of three dead dogs, and failed to use appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries by failing to obtain complete and accurate information regarding the cause(s) of death. You conducted gross postmortem examinations, which were inconclusive, without consulting with the attending veterinarian to determine the cause of death, and did not take specimens for further testing.

The penalty for the alleged violation(s) described above is \$679.